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Voters To Cast Ballots In City, School Election

Voting on candidates at Plattsmouth high school has set a standard for city and school district voters to meet in the coming election here on April 7. As usual well over 75 per cent of the high school voters cast ballots.

Jack Holt to Be Weeping Water Boys' Staler

Jack L. Holt has been selected as Boys' State representative at Weeping Water. Holt's selection was announced by William M. Finley, adjutant of the American Legion Post at Weeping Water following selection by the executive committee.



The committee also named William E. Everett as alternate. Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Holt, who live five miles north of Weeping Water, is the president of the junior class at Weeping Water. His other activities include being in the junior class play, member of the Student Council, delegate to Boys' and Girls' County Government at Plattsmouth on April 8. He has also been active in 4-H club work.

His alternate, Bill Everett has lettered two years in football, is a member of the junior play cast, serves on the Student Council and is employed by Norris Hatchery after school and on Saturday Bill's brother, Arthur, attended Boys' State in 1938. Everett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Everett of Weeping Water.

TO ATTEND EASTER SERVICE

Knight Templars of Mt. Zion Commandery will meet at the Masonic Hall at 8:35 a. m. Sunday morning, April 5, to attend Easter services in Weeping Water.

Journal Want Ads Pay!

2,500 Cones Given At Ruback's



An estimated 2,500 candy cotton cones were served to youngsters at Ruback Super Store at Plattsmouth last Friday and Saturday. Serving the kid's favorite was the first time it had been done by a retailer here. Interest in the candy can be noted by the young girl's undivided interest in the cotton candy as the girl in front of her gets the cone from a sugar company representative. At right another company representative speeds up the next cotton candy cone. At the time the picture was taken the three girls headed a line that extended about three abreast the full length of Ruback's Store. — Journal Photo.

Groups Seek Palomino Horse Show Here Soon

Plattsmouth Lions Club directors have voted to join with the Cass County Horse Show Association to bring an all-Palomino Horse Show to Plattsmouth early this spring.

The action of the Club will be contingent upon action of the Horse Show directors who will meet early next week to decide whether to go ahead with tentative plans for the show.

Chet Wiles, president of the Horse Show group, explained to Lions Club members Tuesday noon that the Plattsmouth group may bid for the Eastern Division show. He said it would bring registered Palomino horses here from about six states area.

Wiles will call a meeting of Horse Show directors early next week to decide their action. If the group approves, state sanction of the show will be sought, Wiles explained. The show will probably be held in late May.

Why Don't They Go Home?

We doubt Nebraska taxpayers can stand another 30 to 60 days of the present session of the Nebraska Legislature.

Failure to pass repeal of the 50 per cent tax law at Wednesday's session following recommendations of Gov. Crosby, is the greatest calamity to fall on Nebraska citizens since the dark ages. Following this display of intelligence and statements made by some observers, even Senators themselves, we are convinced that not one out of ten Senators can explain the application of mill levies to assessments in Nebraska's tax system.

Cass County real estate owners can look forward to a terrific increase in their tax bill for 1953 — it could run to as much as 50 per cent greater than 1952.

Might we suggest that Nebraska's Senators please go home. The building could be leased to the Commodity Credit Corporation for storage of TURKEYS—at least Nebraskans would have some revenue coming in and the stench would not equal that which is emanating from the structure at present.

Easter Specials Saturday Only; Ads Tell Story

A variety of merchandise is on sale this Saturday in Plattsmouth for the Easter Valu hunt. The merchandise, one article at each participating store, is listed as a "Saturday only special in advertisements in today's Plattsmouth Journal.

Buyers are urged to check the advertisements closely and to compare figures to see very special Easter buys. Meanwhile the Chamber of Commerce has announced that it is sending copies of today's Journal to some 750 rural residents in the Pacific Junction and Glenwood, Iowa, areas.

License Local Cleaning Plant For New Process

Luesch Cleaners at Plattsmouth has been awarded a license right for use of the Statu process for Plattsmouth, Fred Lugsch, owner — manager of the firm announced today.

Lugsch said today that he feels that the demand for this finer finishing merits his additional expense in bringing Statu to Plattsmouth. He said "any one can see the difference it makes at a glance."

Council Confers Degrees on Five

Adoniran Council No. 5, conferred Royal and Select Master degrees upon five candidates at a meeting held Friday at the Masonic Hall.

Degrees were conferred upon Clayton Rhylander, George M. Epperson, Lt. Col. Harold Woodruff, Marion Brown and Kenneth Wohlfarth.

Mrs. H. Wetenkamp, Eagle Resident 33 Years, Dies Monday

Mrs. Henry Wetenkamp, 76, of Lincoln, native of the Eagle and Walton area, died Monday at Lincoln.

12 Alvo Students Coming Here for Government Day

Selected to participate in Boys and Girls County Government here on Wednesday, April 8, were 12 boys and girls from the Alvo consolidated school.

Superintendent Kenneth L. D. Gardner has submitted the list of Alvo county officers to Richard Peck, chairman of the government day program.

Alvo officers are: Darlene Johnson, county clerk; Dick Printz, county commissioner; Eleanor Kellogg, county judge; Dick Clark, county treasurer; Jim Hermance, registrar of deeds; Jim Morgardidge, county assessor; Lee Fischer, sheriff; Lee Nickel, county attorney; Marilyn Sutton, superintendent of schools; Bob Kellogg, county surveyor; Junior Weichel, clerk of the district court; Mary Louise Eckery, welfare director.

They join Avoca and Weeping Water schools, who have certified candidates for the all-day government study to be held here. Other schools from the county are expected to submit officer candidates within the next few days.

Stopping here for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Furse Wednesday while en route to their home at Aurora from Florida were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bremer.

Legislature Kills Repeal Move: Cass Board's Hopes Die

Offices Planned In Old Farmer's Bank Building

Purchase of the old Farmers State Bank building from Clement T. Woster was announced today by J. Howard Davis, local attorney and insurance agent, who plans to make business offices out of the Main street location.

Davis said today that he plans immediate remodeling of the building to provide office space for his own business as well as additional offices.

The building, vacant at the present time, had previously housed the Gamble store at Plattsmouth.

In announcing purchase of the building, Mr. Davis explained that a number of modern offices will be completed in the structure. Although he has made no commitments, he explained that several have indicated interest in office space.

Purchase came as Davis noted his 24th year in Plattsmouth. He recalled that it was 24 years ago on April 1, that he came to Plattsmouth and entered the employ of the Plattsmouth State Bank. Three years later he joined Judge A. H. Duxbury in the insurance business and in 1934 Mr. Davis was admitted to the bar. His offices are presently located in the Soennichsen building.

During his 24 years in Plattsmouth, Mr. Davis lists as his outstanding achievement, construction of the Oakmont housing district which he started in 1941 and completed in 1942. He served as city attorney for seven years, is a past president of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce and Plattsmouth Rotary Club. He is a past master of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & M., and has been an active worker in the Methodist church where he served for eight years as Sunday school superintendent.

Mrs. Davis has also been an active worker at the Methodist church and in women's activities in the community. They have a daughter, Carol.

Schools Close Today; Reopen Tuesday, April 7

Plattsmouth schools will be dismissed at 3 p. m. today, Thursday, for the Easter holidays. Principal William Floyd announced.

Floyd also points out that school will resume on Tuesday, April 7, at the regular morning hour. The arrangements gives students and teachers Friday and Monday vacations from regular school work.

Faith in Cass County Commissioners in the 1953 Nebraska Legislature was dealt another lethal blow Wednesday when the state Solons turned down Governor Robert Crosby's request that they kill the 50 per cent assessment law passed three weeks ago.

Informed early Tuesday morning by E. F. Woodward of the state tax commissioner's office that a movement was underway to have the law repealed, the County Commissioners delayed action on a number of problems which they had been fighting since the laws were put into effect.

Ray Cook Will Conduct Services



Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Nebraska will deliver the Easter address at 8 a. m., Sunday in the World War II Memorial Park at Omaha.

Services are sponsored by the Mount Calvary Knights of Templar.

House Builders Coming Sunday

Blodgett & Krajacic, contractors of Omaha will open offices here on Sunday in preparation for the start of construction of housing in the new Valley View housing project south of Plattsmouth on Highway 73-75.

The company will set up headquarters across the highway from the housing project, and today announced that 63 housing sites are available in the proposed housing district.

Persons seeking sites may contact the contractors at Omaha throughout the remainder of this week or here after 1 p. m., Sunday, April 5.

Murdock Man Ranks High In Poultry Contest

William Streich of Murdock has won high ranking in the national in-cross parent stock fockowners' best records contest, it was announced this week.

Streich will receive a \$6.95 cash award. More than 200 poultry raisers in 12 midwest states competed for thousands of dollars in cash prizes in the contest.

Egg, Valu Hunt, Free Meters Here On Saturday

Some 300 colored eggs, more than one-third of which will bear a 50-cent cash value, will be concealed at the city park Saturday morning for children up to seven years of age to seek out and redeem.

Howard Ruback, chairman of the Retail committee of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce is general chairman of the Easter egg hunt. Members of the Junior Woman's Club are coloring the eggs which will be distributed under the direction of Bill Knorr, Police of the area will be handled by Al Linder and the Boys Scouts.

Names of retail firms in Plattsmouth will be marked on a great many of the eggs and will bear a 50-cent cash value. The eggs when turned into the store whose name appears on the egg will be worth 50 cents to the finder. Firms participating will have their names on two eggs.

At a special meeting with Woodward and Fred A. Harrington of E. T. Wilkens & Associates Tuesday morning, the County Commissioners learned of the intended move and decided to await the outcome, thus planning to straighten out the tax assessment problem by going back to last year's standards.

Now, the action of the "yes we will, no we won't" legislature, has tossed the problem right back to the executive Commissioners Herman Bornemeier, Ray Norris and W. F. Nolte and County Assessor E. C. Gies.

During discussion however, Woodward told the commissioners that "the 50 per cent assessment law definitely will be repealed." He said rumors in the Carol City that morning had indicated that about 35 lawmakers would favor repeal.

Woodward, who also met with officials here a week ago, also explained that many counties have refused to follow the new law and won't do anything unless ordered to by the state tax commissioner.

Action of the legislature in re-fusing to repeal the assessment laws came as much of a surprise to local officials who, after the Tuesday meeting, had counted heavily on the legislature's action to clarify the issues locally.

Woodward, however, told the Cass county officials that "value of property will be decreased by the state's executive action. That noticeable decreases in personal and business schedules under the new assessment standards will result in a definite increase in real estate property tax. It is possible to destroy property by tax-raising," the state tax man said.

He further explained that throughout the midwest, as well as in Nebraska, farms have generally been assessed at a higher valuation percentage than city property. "Some counties have doubled property valuations in the past ten years," Woodward said.

At that time, Woodward told the commissioners that a meeting of all fieldmen with the tax committee would be held Thursday.

Governor Robert Crosby today, in a statement to the press, also advised property owners to get ready for a tax increase, following the Legislature's action Wednesday.

Junior Hi Music Clinic Declared Very Successful

The first Junior High music clinic held here "exceeded expectations," Music Director at Plattsmouth, Melvin McKenney said, following the all-day clinic here Tuesday.

Seventy-one students from four schools, Tecumseh, Bellevue, Syracuse and Plattsmouth participated in the clinic. Individual performances at the Presbyterian church throughout the afternoon was followed by direct criticism to the participants followed by band rehearsal at the high school auditorium from 4:30 to 6 p. m.

The evening band concert presented by the massed group included: "Normal" march by the group; french horn solo by Judy Masters of Syracuse; Chapel Shrine by group; flute solo by a Bellevue girl; The Great Gate of Kiev by the band; clarinet duet by Marilyn Kline and Carolyn Mardery of Tecumseh; Dane of the Apprentice, group; cornet trio; Bob Blevins, Plattsmouth; and Military Escort, band.

Desired to give junior high students recognition for their many hours of practice and participation, the clinic will be held again next year at one of the other four schools.

A University of Kansas brass ensemble performed before the high school student assembly here Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Blotzer of Omaha was here Thursday on business and to visit with relatives.

Equalization Values Compared To County's 1952 Assessed Valuations

Comparison of actual property values as determined by E. T. Wilkens & Associates of Lincoln with assessed valuations of property for last year presented some startling figures to Cass County Commissioners on Tuesday morning at a special meeting of the board with a state tax and company official.

Fred A. Harrington, representative of Wilkens Company, which has recently completed an equalization survey in Cass county, submitted actual valuations as determined by the company for several cities and precincts in the county for comparison with 1952 real estate valuations.

The company's figures ranged from a 200 per cent increase in Avoca precinct to a 500 per cent increase at Greenwood. All areas reported by Mr. Harrington, showed increases generally about 300 per cent.

For example valuations at Plattsmouth as determined by the company were set at \$8,444,635 while the 1952 assessment valuation for the same properties was \$1,707,070, or about 20 percent of the actual valuation as determined by the company. Wilkens figures compare favorably with a report of the state tax department in comparing assessed valuation with sale value of Plattsmouth property. Assessed valuations in Plattsmouth has averaged 21 per cent of the sale value as determined

by the state. The state figures were exhibited to the County Commissioners by E. C. Woodward.

The state's figures show that the county as a whole, taking real estate sale and assessed values for all communities, Cass County's assessed valuation is 22 percent of the sales value.

In submitting the figures to the county board, Harrington explained that men conducting the equalization survey here did "not" know the old valuations on any of the property. He also pointed out that the valuations include property on leased ground.

Harrington also explained that farm property is given an automatic 30 percent depreciation allowance on the actual value as determined in the equalization survey. He explained that the 30 percent depreciation is allowed in the rural areas because it is "doubtful if costs of farm improvements increase the value of the farm by an equal amount."

Harrington also pointed out that real estate value in Cass county, as determined in the "actual value" survey will climb about 80 million dollars. He stated however, that real estate values on the farm have been increased through the survey almost as much as city property. As examples, he ex-

plained that East Rock Bluff precinct climbed from the 1952 valuation of \$43,540 to \$223,020; and that Elmwood precinct climbed from \$224,390 to \$615,670.

To analyze their own figures, company officials take townships of the greatest value and compare figures to see whether they make common sense, and if these townships have been given the largest increases.

Here are comparisons of real estate valuations for eleven county communities and precincts.

OLD	NEW	
City of Plattsmouth	\$1,707,070	\$8,444,635
East Rock Bluff Pre	\$424,210	\$1,089,880
Elmwood Precinct	\$1,710,600	\$4,168,810
Eight Mile Grove	\$1,475,090	\$3,505,265
Avoca Precinct	\$1,120,880	\$2,566,350
Avoca City	\$91,020	\$367,540
Murray Village	\$106,400	\$480,240
Manley Village	\$21,390	\$88,560
Eagle Village	\$120,550	\$425,415
Greenwood Village	\$75,690	\$534,780
Elmwood Village	\$274,090	\$1,085,040